

### **REMARKS**

This submission is in response to the final Office Action mailed June 10, 2010. Claims 1-5, 7-14 and 21-57 were pending in this application, of which claims 1-5, 7-14, 21-40 and 48-50 are allowed, claims 51-57 stand rejected, and claims 41-47 stand withdrawn. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

Claim 57 has been canceled herein, leaving claims 1-5, 7-14 and 21-56 pending. Claims 51-56 have been amended herein. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments are properly admitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and request that the Examiner do so. The amendments overcome the pending rejections and place the application in condition for allowance. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b); MPEP § 714.13(II).

#### **Claims Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 51-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as being indefinite. Applicant has amended the claims to make clear that the "portion" recited in these claims refers to the "portion" recited in their respective independent claims. The claims have also been amended, where needed, to be consistent with the respective independent claim to address the antecedent basis issues. No change in scope is intended or effected.

In view of the amendments, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

#### **Claims Rejections -- 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

Claim 57 is rejected 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claim 57 has been canceled, mooting the rejection.

#### **Withdrawn Claims 41-47**

In view of the allowance of claim 1, the outstanding Restriction Requirement should have been withdrawn and claims 41-47 rejoined and examined on the merits prior to the issuance of

this Final Office Action. *See* 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a); MPEP § 821.04. Claims 41-47 are dependent upon claim 1, and therefore, claim 1 is generic. *See id.* Applicants submit that claims 41-47 are in condition for allowance.

### **Conclusion**

It is respectfully submitted that all issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, and the application is in condition for allowance. A timely allowance is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with the Applicants' attorney would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

Applicants believe that no additional fee is required (other than those submitted herewith). However, if an additional fee or extension is required, please consider this to be a petition therefore, and Applicants' attorney hereby authorizes that any such fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3569.

Respectfully submitted,

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